

Junegrass

(*Koeleria cristata*)

Natural Range: Grasslands, open woods, and sandy soils throughout most of the Northeast and Lakes States

Description: A perennial, cool-season bunchgrass with very erect growth. It is a short grass generally 12 to 24 inches in height. The seed heads tend to be shiny and spike-like in appearance. *Florets are awnless.*

Note: Sometimes confused with sweet vernalgrass (*Anthoxanthum odoratum*) which is roughly the same size but has a timothy-like seed head and awns on the florets.

Flowering and Seed Maturity: Junegrass flowers and matures early, hence the name. It will be ready to collect in late June to early July.

Illustration: See next page



Koeleria macrantha
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Koeleria cristata (L.) Pers.

Gotland: *Storhögarna vid Högarna*
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